

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of December 13, 2005 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the specification, drawings and claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

the abstract is amended to replace all instances of the term "said" with --the--;

at page 3, lines 29-30 of the present specification "number printing" is replaced with --number of printing--;

at page 7, lines 12-13 "Figure 13" is replaced with --Figure 3-- when referring to items 122 and 124, which are illustrated in Figure 3 of the present application;

at page 7, line 16 "56which" is replaced with --56 which--;

at page 8, line 28 "801" is replaced with --8015--. Support for this amendment can be found at page 8, line 28-page 9, line 8 of the present specification;

at page 13, lines 6-7 "127" is omitted from "drive shaft of motor 110" and "125B" is replaced with --125-- when referring to the cog fixed to the drive roller 96, which is illustrated in Figure 25 of the present application;

at page 15, line 24 "Figure 4" is replaced with --Figure 34--;

at page 23, line 25 "190" is replaced with --194--;

at page 23, line 28 "bias" is replaced with --biasing--;

at page 27, line 7 "andflex" is replaced with --and flex--;

at page 27, lines 9 and 11 "28" is replaced with --182--. Support for this amendment can be found at page 26, lines 14-17 of the present specification;

Figure 6 is amended to omit reference character "46";

Figures 10-12 are amended to omit reference character "8016";

Figure 14 is amended to omit reference character "8012";

Figure 17 is amended to omit reference character "8023";

Figure 25 is amended to omit reference character "125B";

Figure 26 is amended to:

omit reference characters "104" and "108";

replace reference character "125A" with --125-- (see above amendment at page 13, lines 13-16 of the present specification);

replace reference character "189" with --89-- (see page 12, line 25-page 13, line 3 of the present specification); and

insert reference characters --154A-- and --154B-- (see page 14, lines 1-5 of the present specification);

Figure 27 is amended to replace reference character "190" with --194-- (see above amendment at page 23, line 25 of the present specification);

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate from allowable claim 2 that the air distribution assembly has a filter arranged to evenly distribute compressed air along the pagewidth printhead when air pressure at the filter attains a threshold level. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 6, lines 1-10 of the present specification;

dependent claim 2 is amended to conform with amended claim 1; and

dependent claim 3 is unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Drawing Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above described amendments to the specification and drawings, provide the corrections required by the Examiner with respect to the indicated reference characters.

Regarding Specification Objections

Regarding Abstract

It is respectfully submitted that the above described amendments to the abstract, provide the corrections required by the Examiner with respect to the term "said".

Regarding disclosure

It is respectfully submitted that the above described amendments to the specification, provide the corrections required by the Examiner with respect to the indicated typographical errors.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the subject matter of pending claim 2 being allowable under the conditions stated in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment of independent claim 1 incorporates the allowable subject matter of pending claim 2 into claim 1.

Regarding Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the provisional non-statutory double patenting rejection of pending claim 1 over claims 1 and 3 of copending Application No. 10/760,263 in view of Silverbrook (US 6,488,422), in accordance with the above-described amended of claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending claim 2.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejection

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to recite "a filter" and "a threshold level" provides sufficient antecedent basis for these terms in dependent claim 3.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejection

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the obviousness rejection of claim 1 over Silverbrook (US 6,152,619) in view of Silverbrook (US 6,488,422), in accordance with the above-described amended of claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending claim 2.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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In the Drawings:

Amended Figures 6, 10 to 12, 14, 17, and 25 to 27 are enclosed, each marked "Replacement Sheet".